

223—49.3 (303) Funding policies. The grant programs shall be conducted according to published guidelines that outline funding priorities, review criteria, application forms, adjudication processes and grantee requirements. Programs include REAP/HRDP regular grants, REAP/HRDP emergency grants, and country school grants.

49.3(1) Grant programs shall require formal application and review prior to the awarding or denial of any funds. The application and awards process may vary in accordance with the nature and design of each grant program but shall follow published guidelines.

49.3(2) All funded projects shall comply with professional standards for historic preservation, museums, or documentary collections as follows:

a. Historic preservation projects shall adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

b. Museum projects shall adhere to applicable national standards or follow technical guidelines generally accepted by the museum profession. Applicants shall demonstrate a commitment to providing, and the ability to provide, care for their collections on a long-term basis.

c. Documentary collections projects shall adhere to national standards, where they apply, or otherwise follow technical guidelines generally accepted by the library, archives, and conservation communities. Applicants shall demonstrate a commitment to providing, and the ability to provide, care for their collections on a long-term basis.

49.3(3) Applications for grants shall be reviewed as follows:

a. Applications for REAP/HRDP emergency grants shall be evaluated by the REAP/HRDP steering committee. Awards shall be determined by majority vote of the steering committee.

b. Applications for REAP/HRDP regular grants and country school grants shall be evaluated by a review panel composed of a minimum of nine members, including at least six public members and three historical division staff members, as follows:

(1) Public members:

1. At least two Iowa museum professionals;
2. At least two members of the Iowa state national register of historic places nominations review committee;
3. At least two members of the Iowa historical records advisory board.

(2) Historical division staff members:

1. One professionally trained museum specialist;
2. One professionally trained historic preservation specialist;
3. One professionally trained archives specialist.

49.3(4) An applicant may not submit more than one application in any single category in any grant cycle.

49.3(5) Applicants funded in two consecutive fiscal years in the same grant category are not eligible to receive funding in the same grant category during the next fiscal year.

49.3(6) Review criteria scores shall be the official record of the proceedings of a review panel or steering committee meeting. Historical division staff shall, upon request, provide an applicant with a written record of these scores.

49.3(7) The review panel shall make grant award recommendations to the state historical society board of trustees. The state historical society board of trustees shall make grant award recommendations to the administrator of the historical division.

49.3(8) The historical division shall issue contracts for all funds awarded.

49.3(9) No state funds awarded under the historical resource development program shall be used by a grantee to meet the grantee's obligation to match other historical division or cultural affairs department grants or programs.

49.3(10) No appropriated state funds shall be used by a grantee to match the grantee's historical resource development program grant.

49.3(11) A grantee shall not utilize historical resource development program funds for any lobbying purpose.

49.3(12) An applicant shall not apply for or use any program funds for the purpose of regranting.

49.3(13) Grant funds shall not be awarded to a city or county government for a project in the historic preservation category unless the city or county government has been approved as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the National Park Service and determined to be a CLG in good standing by the state historic preservation office (SHPO). CLG cities, counties, and land use districts must be current in their submission of Iowa CLG annual report forms to be considered in good standing.

49.3(14) All government, nonprofit corporation, or Indian tribe applicants shall demonstrate that the historical resource is accessible to the public no less than an average of 16 hours per week or shall provide a statement concerning actions to be taken in the forthcoming 36 months after the grant award to provide the above-specified accessibility of the funded project to the public, unless access is restricted by specific federal or state code. Archaeological sites that are part of funded projects are not required by this program to be accessible to the public.

49.3(15) All private corporations, businesses, and individual applicants shall demonstrate that the historical resources which benefit from being acquired, developed or preserved, or the portions of the historical resource so benefited, shall be accessible to the public no less than an average of 96 hours per year or shall provide a statement concerning actions to be taken in the forthcoming 36 months after the grant award to provide the above-specified accessibility of the funded project to the public, unless access is restricted by specific federal or state code. Archaeological sites that are part of funded projects are not required by this program to be accessible to the public.

49.3(16) A grantee shall credit the historical resource development program in all promotions, publicity, advertising, and printed materials relating to the grant-supported project, with the following credit line or a reasonable facsimile: "This program is supported in part by the State Historical Society of Iowa, Historical Resource Development Program." Noncompliance with this requirement shall jeopardize future funding of the grantee by the historical division.

49.3(17) The historical division may, for cause, find that a grantee is not in compliance with the requirements of this program or the terms of the contract. At the division's discretion, remedies for noncompliance may include penalties or the repayment of program funds. Reasons for a finding of noncompliance include but are not limited to: the grantee's use of program funds for activities not described in its application or not permitted under the program; the grantee's failure to complete approved activities in a timely manner; the grantee's failure to comply with any applicable professional standards, state rules, or federal regulations; the lack of a continuing capacity on the part of the grantee to carry out the approved program in a timely manner; or violation of the terms of the contract.